

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed March 12, 2007. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 32-36, 39-44, 46 and 47 are pending in this Application. Claims 1-16, 37, 38, and 45 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 17-31 were previously withdrawn. Claims 32-35, 39-40, and 43-47 stand rejected. Claims 36, 41 and 42 stand objected to. Claims 32, 34, 46, and 47 have been amended. Claims 48-49 are newly added claims. Claims 33 and 36 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claim Objections

Claims 32, 46 and 47 were objected to due to informalities. Applicants amend Claims 32, 46 and 47 to overcome these objections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 46 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants amend Claim 46 to overcome this rejections and respectfully request full allowance of Claim 46 as amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 36 and 41-42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Even though Applicants disagree with the rejections made under 35 USC §103, to further prosecution, Applicant amended Claim 32 to include the limitations of intermediate Claim 33 and allowable Claim 36. Furthermore, new claims 48 and 49, include the limitations of former claim 32 and allowable claims 41 and 42, respectively. Claims 46 and 47 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claims 36 and 42, respectively.

CONCLUSION


Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the amount of \$400.00 for new independent Claims 48 and 49 to Deposit Account No. 50-2148.

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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